GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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NARROW CASTING SERVICES TO UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision on giving approval to open Radio Services in the narrow casting mode to universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any restrictions are put to this broadcasting by LPTs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any funds allocated/likely to be allocated for this purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): A proposal to grant community radio broadcasting licenses to well established and recognized educational institutions/organizations to cater to the aspirations and specific requirements of particular locality/area, is under consideration of the Government. Since the scheme is yet to be approved, no details can be given at this stage.

(c) & (d): The scheme envisages setting up of low power FM radio transmitters oflimited range capacity, catering to the needs of a local community. These would not interfere with existing transmitters.

(e) & (f): The stations would be set up by the licensees who shall bear the costs. No Government funds will be required for this purpose.